

Election Expenses.

531. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the return of election expenses submitted by each of the candidates who stood for election for the 3rd Legislative Council?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—A statement containing the information is appended (*Appendix XIV*).

Theft and mutilation of idol—Kandanassery Village.

532. Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

1. whether a theft and mutilation of an idol in the Kandanassery Village was reported to the Kunnankulam Police in Vrischigam or Dhanu 1107;

2. if so, what action has been taken by the Police in the matter and with what result;

3. will the Government be pleased to give the date or dates when any enquiry was made by the Police on the spot;

4. was not a communication received by the Kunnankulam Police from the Magistrate of Vadakkancheri regarding the prevention of the breach of the peace in connection with a festival on 10th Makaram 1107, in the above said temple;

5. was not the Magistrate's order delivered to the Police by the evening of 9th Makaram 1107;

6. when did the Police repair to the temple site in question;

7. was not some mischief and damage committed in the day-time by persons who are, by immemorial custom, not allowed access to the temple premises?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—1. A petition containing information of the incident was received by the District Magistrate and forwarded to the Kunnankulam Police on 28th Dhanu 1107.

2. No action was taken as the petitioner gave a statement that he did not wish for a formal enquiry. The petition was accordingly submitted to the Court with the said statement.

3. 7th and 8th Makaram 1107.

4. Yes.

5. No.

6. 9 p. m. on 1st Makaram 1107.

7. No.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know the date of that statement?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(7) May I know the source of that information?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Police report.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—The same Police?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—(6) Does not the function or ceremony begin from 6 a. m?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—My information is that it begins at 10 p. m.

Anchal Offices.

533. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

- (1) how many Anchal Offices are there in the State;
 - (2) how many probationers (persons who have undergone training depositing Rs. 200) are there in the department;
 - (3) what are their qualifications;
 - (4) how are they preferred at the time of appointments;
- are there any depressed or backward classes among the probationers?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(1) 65.

(2) 25.

(3) 11 are School Finals.

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(4) Appointments are made in the order of their admission to probationership, which is based on the date of their furnishing the required security.

(5) Yes, there is one.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Am I right in presuming that this member of the depressed classes will be shown no preference?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The power of appointment is with the Superintendent.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—And there is a strict rule that they should be appointed?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—The Superintendent will use his discretion. That is the ordinary rule.

T. A.—representatives of Depressed Classes.

534. മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. പി. വള്ളോൻ—അധ്യക്ഷതയുടെ ഉദ്ധാരണത്തിനുവേണ്ടി പൊതുയോഗങ്ങളും മറ്റും വിളിച്ചുകൂട്ടി വേണ്ട ഉപദേശങ്ങൾ കൊടുക്കുവാൻ പലേ ദേശങ്ങളിലും സഞ്ചരിച്ചു കൊണ്ടിരിക്കുന്ന അധ്യക്ഷത പ്രതിനിധികൾക്ക് “ഒരു ഭാവലി